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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A chairman, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago, Chile;

(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Institute, Bangkok, Thailand;

(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar, Senegal;

(h) The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

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4. Juan Somavía (Chile) has been Chairman of the Board since 1996. The nominated members of the Board are:

Heba Handoussa (Egypt), Managing Director, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey;

Eveline Herfkens (Netherlands), former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Geneva; currently Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands;

Björn Hettne (Sweden), Professor of Peace and Development Research, University of Göteborg;

Graça Machel (Mozambique), President of the Foundation for Community Development in Maputo;

Jonathan Moore (United States of America), Shorenstein Center for Press, Politics and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts;

Harris Mutio Mule (Kenya), Director, Top Investment Management Services, Nairobi;

Marcia Rivera (United States — Puerto Rico), Special Adviser to the Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Caracas;

Gita Sen (India), Professor of Economics and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore;

Frances Stewart (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Director, International Development Centre, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford;

Valery Tishkov (Russian Federation), Director, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

5. The term of office of the following five members will expire on 30 June 1999, and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2001:

Harris Mutio Mule (Kenya), Valery Tishkov (Russian Federation), Björn Hettne (Sweden), Frances Stewart (United Kingdom), Jonathan Moore (United States).

6. The following four members, who were nominated two years ago, will continue to serve under terms that will expire on 30 June 2001:

Heba Handoussa (Egypt), Graça Machel (Mozambique), Marcia Rivera (United States — Puerto Rico), Gita Sen (India). The position formerly occupied by Ms. Herfkens, who has taken up the post of Minister of Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, will need to be filled.

7. Thus, at its thirty-seventh session, the Commission will be called upon to renominate the five existing members of the Board referred to in paragraph 5 above for a further period of two years to 30 June 2001, and to nominate one new member to the Board for a period of four years to 30 June 2003 to replace Ms. Herfkens, as referred to in paragraph 6 above.

8. The following new candidate has been identified as having the appropriate qualifications and will maintain regional balance in the membership of the Board: Jacques Roger Baudot (France). Mr. Baudot's biographical information is contained in the annex to the present note.

Notes

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

Annex

Biographical information

Jacques Roger Baudot (France)

Jacques Roger Baudot is currently Senior Adviser to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress.

Education: Philosophy, University of Dijon; Master of Political Science, Paris.

Experience: Senior Adviser, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the follow-up of the World Summit for Social Development, 1995–.

Coordinator of the preparation of the World Summit for Social Development, New York, 1993–1995.

Controller, United Nations, New York, 1991–1993.

Director of the Budget, United Nations, New York, 1985–1991.

Programming and coordination of United Nations economic and social activities, New York, 1982–1985.

Researcher, social surveys, United Nations Headquarters, New York, 1974–1981.

Researcher, UNRISD, Geneva, 1970–1974.

Social scientist, Planning Commission, Paris, 1964–1970.

Researcher, Institute for Demographic Studies, Paris, 1962–1964.

Professional activities: As member of the French Administration, participation in work on documents and books on social transfers and social indicators. In the United Nations, participation in the drafting of a large number of documents, including the Report on the World Social Situation. Involvement in intergovernmental negotiations on financial and other substantive matters. Frequent lecturer on issues of globalization and development. Currently preparing, in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a book on the findings of the Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress.